

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 529
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Specialist James Dustin
"Dusty" Carroll, Tennessee Army National
Guard.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Specialist James Dustin "Dusty" Carroll; and

WHEREAS, Spc. Carroll was a courageous member of the Tennessee Army National Guard and United States Armed Forces, who gave his life in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Carroll, who was twenty-three years of age, was killed while on patrol with his Tennessee Army National Guard unit in Iraq on July 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which McKenzie, Carroll County and the Volunteer State are renowned, Dusty Carroll was a brave and honorable member of Company A, 230th Engineer Battalion, a Tennessee Army National Guard unit based in Milan and McKenzie; and

WHEREAS, he and his unit were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Dusty Carroll did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS, Spc. Carroll served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Carroll's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the

continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history;
and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage and commitment to duty of the late James Dustin “Dusty” Carroll;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the life of valor and death in combat of Specialist James Dustin “Dusty” Carroll, Tennessee Army National Guard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Specialist James Dustin “Dusty” Carroll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.